

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Appln. No.: 10/677,248

Attorney Docket No.: Q77698

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please add a new Figure 6 illustrating reel-up of a tape without moving a tissue.

Attachment: New Figure 6 Sheet

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, 21-29 are now all the claims pending in the present application. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13-15, 17, and 19-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 21 and 26-29 have been allowed. Applicant has amended claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, and 22-25 to be dependent upon allowed claim 21. Claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 19-20 have been canceled. Consequently, dependent claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, and 22-25 should also be allowed.

I. Objection to Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). In particular, the Examiner asserts that the drawings do not show “reel-up of the tape is performed without moving the tissue” as set forth in claims 1, 21 and 26. The Examiner suggests modifying Fig. 1 by removing the arrows on tissue 10. Consequently, Applicant has added Fig. 6 without the arrows. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13-15, 17, 19-20 and 22-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakaguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,909,455) in view of Gavit (U.S. Patent No. 6,508,431). As indicated above, claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 19-20 have been

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canceled. Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, and 22-25 have been rewritten to depend upon allowed claim 21. Consequently, the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13-15, 17, 19-20 and 22-25 is now moot.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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